

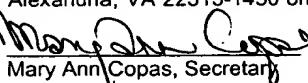


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In the Application of Wolfgang Peter et al

Ser.No.: 09/651,797  
Filed: August 30, 2000  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATMENT OF METALLIC WORKPIECES  
Art Unit: 1742  
Examiner: Sikyin Ip

Commissioner for Patents

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION AND FEE FOR ONE-MONTH TIME EXTENSION**

Sir:

With reference to the above-identified application, and pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), applicant hereby respectfully requests that this application be granted a one-month time extension to December 20, 2003.

This request for time extension is filed concurrently with an Office Action Amendment.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17, a check for \$110.00 is enclosed. It is requested that any fees required or any shortages in any fees due, now or at any time during the examination of this application, be charged to Deposit Account 02-1653.

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